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Students compete in bowling event

Spirits could not have been higher as KDES students in the Special Opportunities Program (SOP) competed in the D.C. Special Olympics for the first time in December.

Although 16 KDES students trained for and attended the Dec. 11 bowling tournament, only four KDES students had the required Special Olympics parental and medical forms complete in time for the competition. With the enthusiastic support of their teammates, these four KDES students placed in the competition.

James White won first place in his division, Antoine Brown and Travis Weisenberger both won second place medals and Jeremy Martin won a third place medal.

Meredith Rodnan, SOP instructor and KDES coordinator for the Special Olympics, was proud of her students. "The fact that our four kids won medals is really secondary. Much more important was the group support all 16 kids gave each other. The enthusiasm and social interaction it awarded these kids—that was the most important element of the competition."

SOP serves students who have other disabilities in addition to hearing impairment. These disabilities may include mental retardation, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders and perceptual, visual and emotional problems. Competitors in the Special Olympics must have mental retardation among their disabilities.

Rodnan explained that bowling is an unusually good activity for these students since it can easily be carried into the family's social life.

Every Friday morning since late September, the students trained at the Ely Center's bowling alleys. David Staehle, the recreation coordinator, assisted the group. "Dave was such a big help to

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The thrill of competition brings smiles to SOP students Travis Weisenberger, James White, Antoine Brown and Jeremy Martin, who placed in the D.C. Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.

Funding cut

During this week, you will receive a letter informing you of how congressional budget cuts have affected Gallaudet's budget for the coming year.

If you do not receive your copy of the letter, please contact Debbie Mace in the Provost's Office, x5085.

The next issue of *On the Green* will carry a detailed report on Gallaudet's finances, how this budget cut of 4.26 percent will affect Gallaudet in FY '88, and its implications for future funding.

Search committee continues review

The Presidential Search Committee was scheduled to review information on candidates for the position of president of Gallaudet University at meetings on Jan. 9 and 10.

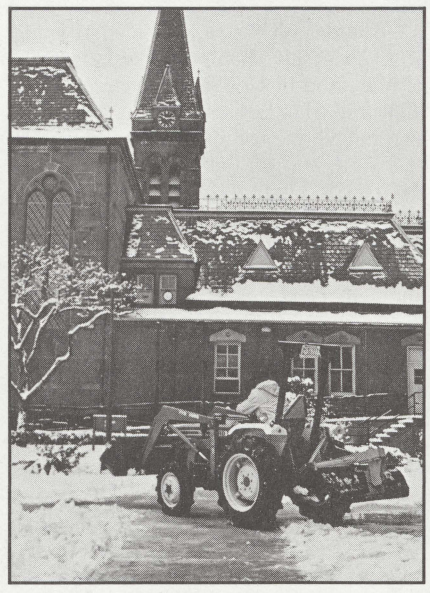
At press time, the committee had not selected any specific candidates to be interviewed from the pool of applicants.

The Presidential Search Committee has tentative plans to interview about 10 to 12 candidates some time in January and February. From this group, the committee will recommend no fewer than three and no more than five qualified candidates for the Board of Trustees to interview.

Selected representatives of on-campus groups will also have the opportunity to interview the finalists and will forward their observations to the Board of Trustees. A future article in *On the Green* will provide the names of the groups and their representatives.

The Presidential Search Committee's Dec. 20 meeting was canceled because the date was inconvenient for members of the committee.





Groundsman Pete McFadden wields a shovel and another worker operates a tractor behind Chapel Hall in an effort to keep Gallaudet's 4 1/4 miles of sidewalks clear of snow.

It's that snowy time of year again

The question: to work or not to work?

Winter is upon us, and snow has already ushered in the new year as many Gallaudet employees returned to a white campus on Jan. 4.

When snow falls, the first thing workers want to know is if they can jump back under the covers and look forward to a day off, or if they must formulate a game plan for trudging off to the job.

For Gallaudet employees at both Kendall Green and the Northwest Campus, the answer can be found by telephoning Gallaudet or by running down the dials on their televisions or radios.

"Generally we try to make a decision by 6:45 a.m., and many times earlier," said James Barnes, vice president for Administration and Business. Barnes shares with Provost Catherine Ingold and Dr. Robert Davila the responsibility of deciding whether Gallaudet will continue operations in the event of a major snow storm.

Although many departments on campus have inner networks that spread the word from supervisors to employees, it is important for employees to take the initiative in finding out whether or not they should report to work, said Barnes. The surest way to get the message is to call campus for a recording, x5666 (V) or x5656 (TDD), or tune in to TV or radio, said Barnes.

Television stations that are scheduled to carry the message are WRC, Channel 4; WJLA, Channel 7; WDVM, Channel 9 (closed captioned); and WTTG, Channel 5.

The radio stations which are supposed to include Gallaudet in their snow announcements are WKYS, 93.9 FM; WGAY, 1050 AM and 99.5 FM; WRC, 98.0 AM; WUST, 1120 AM

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And miles to go before they sleep

"Everybody shovels their sidewalks and driveways, but they just don't understand the magnitude of clearing snow from a 100-acre campus. You don't know how different it is until you do it."

That's Lawrence Ott's impression of shoveling Gallaudet University out of a major snowstorm. And he's done it.

As manager of Gallaudet's Grounds Services Department, Ott has orchestrated the mammoth job of snow removal long enough to know that his department's biggest foe is always unpredictable and that a different battle plan has to be called out every time the white stuff starts to fall.

"You never do the same thing twice. You base your strategy on what the forecasters say, and if they're wrong, you're wrong," he said.

The Veterans Day snow on Nov. 11 was a case in point. The 10-12 inches of snow that fell baffled weather forecasters, and because they didn't get the word out, cleanup all around Washington was hindered.

On that occasion, Ott said his 15-man crew spent 272 hours over a three-day period solely on clearing the campus' 4 1/4 miles of sidewalks, 2 3/4 miles of roads, 325,000 square feet of parking lots, and 1,444 steps—the latter of which is always "a major headache," he said.

Last winter, when snow fell on three occasions Jan. 22-30, Grounds Services logged more than 300 hours in overtime alone to keep the campus accessible to students and employees.

Predictions of snow mean that Grounds Services employees come in at 5 a.m. and often don't leave until late at night. Depending on their progress

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Announcements

"Ole Jim" invites the campus community to watch the football Conference Championship on Sunday, Jan. 17, and the Superbowl on Jan. 31, on its new 60-inch television. Admission will be free for the conference game. A $5 admission fee for the Superbowl will include a bowl of chili, crackers and snacks. Each event will include a cash bar and free munchies. "Ole Jim" will open one hour before each game.

Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department and University Theatre of the University of Maryland at Collge Park will present "Children of a Lesser God" in voice and sign language on Feb. 11-13 and 18-20 at 8 p.m. and on Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at the Tawes Theatre, University of Maryland. Reservations as early as 30 days in advance are recommended. Tickets are $7 and $5.50 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 454-2201 (V/TDD) from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

A new publication, *Communicating with Deaf People: An Introduction*, is available through the National Information Center on Deafness (NICD). The 20-page publication by the NICD was made possible by a grant from AT&T. Individuals can request a free single copy by contacting the NICD, x5051.

The National Academy's Family Life Program will present the conference "Family, School, and Community: Building Partnerships for Deaf Children" Feb. 24-25 in Louisville, Ky. Intended for parents and professionals involved with hearing impaired children, the conference will address establishing collaborative relationships among parents, professionals and service providers. Conference participants may earn continuing education credits. For more information, call Shelley Cooke at x5096.

"60 Minutes" and CBS News' "Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt" will be closed captioned for hearing impaired viewers beginning in January. The Caption Center, a nonprofit service of the WGBH Educational Foundation in Boston, will caption the programs through grants from Digital Equipment Corporation, Marshalls, Inc. and the CBS Television Network.

The Metro Washington Deaf Racquetball Association will hold the Fifth Annual Racquetball Tournament for the Deaf March 11-13 at the Merritt Racquetball Security, 2076 Lord Baltimore Dr., Baltimore, Md. Entry fees will be $20 for the first event and $10 for the second if paid prior to Jan. 22. Entry deadline is Feb. 26. For more information, contact Scott Recht, Tournament Director, 3862 Angelton Ct., Burtonsville, MD 20866 or call (301) 890-3918 (TDD).

The Fulton Opera House in Lancaster, Pa., is seeking actors for the roles of Sarah, Lydia, Orin and others in its production of "Children of a Lesser God." Auditions will be held Jan. 25-27 in New York City. Interested people should send a resume and picture to Donna Jacobson, Casting Director, 431 Seventh Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

ADAPSO donations help ENFI

The ADAPSO Foundation recently donated $22,500 to Gallaudet University for the English Natural Form Instruction (ENFI) program.

In addition, Boeing Computer Services Company donated a variety of computer hardware to ENFI valued at more than $100,000. Douglas Linman of Boeing is committee chairman for the ADAPSO Foundation Grant to the program.

Through its foundation, ADAPSO, a computer software and services industry association, supports opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged people to use computer software and technology.

ENFI, developed and directed by English Professor Trent Batson, uses a computer network to teach written English to students.

"Through the ENFI project, many important developments are being made to improve the English language skills of deaf students," Dr. Batson said. "This program offers a much-needed alternative to the traditional classroom arrangement."

In addition to the assistance provided by the foundation, Metasystems Design Group of Arlington, Va., has offered access to the firm's computer conference system.

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SOP students learn teamwork

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us," said Rodnan. "He made sure the alleys were set up for our use every Friday. He loaned us balls and shoes for practices and even for the tournament."

Yvonne Robinson, a KDES social worker and avid bowler herself, also lent her assistance to the SOP students.

Rodnan and the students plan to begin training in January to compete this May in the District's Special Olympics Summer Games held yearly on the Gallaudet campus.



Patty O'Mara, Mary Lott and Tom Kane of Experiential Programs Off Campus (EPOC) conduct a sign language class at a recent workshop for area employers who use, or are interested in, EPOC interns.

Various areas help during snow

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that day, they may find themselves back on the job at 5 a.m. the next day.

Grounds Services employees aren't the only ones who take center stage in keeping Gallaudet operational in a snowstorm. Another cadre of employees is defined as "essential personnel" by Central Administration.

"All of my people are essential," said John Grigsby, superintendent of Maintenance and Operations at the Northwest Campus.

When snow accumulates, all 13 of the department's employees get into the cleanup act, with male employees operating machinery and wielding shovels to clear the seven-acre campus' four parking lots, sidewalks and steps, and female employees following them spreading salt.

Boiler room engineers in Kendall Green's Utilities Services Department, who work around the clock seven days a week, also prepare themselves for long hours and hard work.

When a major snow occurs and the next shift of employees can't make it to work, those on duty have to stay at their posts. "I've seen [employees] here as long as 24 hours," said Bill DePhillip, manager of Utilities Services.

"Our most hectic time is during this time of year," said Fred Kendrick, manager of Support Services, which includes the Transportation Department.

Transportation employees begin formulating their strategies to cope with the snow as early as 3:30 a.m., said Kendrick. "If the decision is made [to close school] while everyone is home, that's great, but if it's later, that's different," he noted.

If school closes after Pre-College students arrive for classes, Transportation employees must contact the parents of the 200-plus students who ride buses to campus to let them know that their children will be returning home early.

And if the parents can't be reached or can't make arrangements to meet their children at home, the children are kept at the Transportation Department until their parents can pick them up. Sometimes Transportation employees make special trips to take the children home.

For the Department of Safety and Security, a snow means that employees must become information officers, notifying television and radio stations of Gallaudet's change in schedule, answering incoming calls and keeping in touch with state police and weather forecasters about snow predictions and road conditions.

Snow policy determines work

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[day time only]; WOL, 1450 AM; WAVA, 105 FM; WTOP, 1500 AM; WMZQ, 98.7 FM; WMAL, 63 AM; WRQX, 107 FM; WASH, 97.1 FM; WGMS, 570 AM; WPGC, 95 AM; and WBMW, 106.7 FM; WLTT, 94.7 FM.

Gallaudet's snow policy provides for the following situations:

- Late Arrival—The campus is operational but employees can take up to two hours of administrative leave, depending on the discretion of their immediate supervisors. One new addition to this part of the policy is that if conditions warrant, morning classes may be canceled.
- Early Departure—If weather conditions worsen after the work day begins, Central Administration will dismiss employees early.
- No Transportation—Campus operations are open but no bus transportation, including shuttle bus service, is provided. In this situation, classes at KDES will be canceled, but its staff and faculty are still required to come to work.
- Closed—All campus operations are suspended and classes are canceled; only essential personnel are required to report to work.

Classified Ads

WANTED: Nonsmoking female professional/graduate student to share apt. in downtown Silver Spring or Takoma Park, Md. Call x5833 or 585-2542 (TDD) after 6 p.m.
FOR SALE: Two-unit building, 1 block from campus, new in '81, fireplace, DW, WD, live in one unit, rent one, $85,000. Call Diane Adams, 362-8381 (V).
FOR SALE: Nikon N2020 Autofocus body w/50mm f/1.4 Autofocus lens, was $475; 35-135mm Autofocus lens—f/3.5-4.5, was $339; Autofocus speed light flash SB-20, was $169; sell for $675/BO. Call Lee or Mary, 599-1670 (V).
WANTED: Furn. room w/private bath and kitchen privileges within commuting distance to Gallaudet for 1-2 mos., starting approx. Feb. 15. Call x5258.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
MEDIA A/V: Library
RESEARCH TECHNICIAN—
COMPOSITION SPECIALIST: Center for Studies in Education and Human Development